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Chapter I
Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

Recommendations of the Permanent Forum

Future work of the Permanent Forum, including emerging issues

1. The Permanent Forum appoints Maria Eugenia Choque Quispe, a member of the Forum, to conduct a study on traditional knowledge in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, bearing in mind that indigenous cultures and traditional practices contribute to sustainable development and environmental management.

2. The Permanent Forum, recalling the work of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and his reports on extractive industries, appoints [ ], a member of the Forum, to conduct a study on natural resource, energy and green energy development and related impacts on the rights of indigenous peoples, including rights respecting water, food and sovereignty, culture and the post-2015 development agenda.

3. The Permanent Forum appoints [ ] to conduct a study into cross-border issues, including recognition of the right of indigenous peoples to trade in goods and services across borders.

4. The Permanent Forum appoints [ ] to conduct a study on State efforts to convert indigenous land rights, title and tenure into non-indigenous property systems.

5. The Permanent Forum appoints [ ] to expand the study on an optional protocol to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

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(E/C.19/2014/7) to focus not only on land, territories and resource rights, but also on all the rights contained in the Declaration, in particular the rights to self-determination, self-government and autonomy. The study would take account of the issues raised at the thirteenth session of the Forum.

6. The Permanent Forum recommends that an optional protocol be one of the material outcomes of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, with the above-mentioned study potentially serving as the basis for the design of such an optional protocol.

7. The Permanent Forum appoints [ ] to conduct a study on the methods of work of the Forum, which will serve as a basis for the half-day discussion that it will hold at its fourteenth session.

8. The Permanent Forum appoints Álvaro Pop, a member of the Forum, to undertake a study on the situation of indigenous children with disabilities in rural areas of Mesoamerica, to be submitted at its fourteenth session. The study would build on and complement the findings of previous studies undertaken by members of the Forum (see E/C.19/2014/5 and E/C.19/2013/6).

9. The Permanent Forum appreciates the contribution and support of United Nations agencies at the country level through their evaluation of the status of implementation in Latin America of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in accordance with articles 41 and 42 of the Declaration. The Forum encourages United Nations agencies to replicate this practice in other regions and countries and invites States to take into account the findings in the development of their policies and programmes.

10. The Permanent Forum, in accordance with articles 13 and 14 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, recommends that States review the official histories of their countries and their national curricula to include heroes and personalities of indigenous peoples from their perspective.

11. Where genocide and/or mass violations of the human rights of indigenous peoples have occurred, the Permanent Forum recommends that States assume their responsibilities to ensure, through relevant post-conflict mechanisms, that such atrocities are prevented in the future.